

LaTourette amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to eliminate funding for trucking industry security grants, intercity bus security grants, and intercity passenger rail transportation, freight rail, and transit security grants; and

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Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Hostettler amendment that would have increased funding for Customs and Border Protection and for Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

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Provision under the portion of the bill regarding Aviation Security, beginning at the colon on page 17, line 2 through the word “intent” on line 11, regarding the Government’s share of the costs of airport projects;

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Provision regarding National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund beginning on page 36 line 19, the word “and” through line 22, the word “funds”; and

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Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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H. Res. 278, the rule, as amended, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 185 noes and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 175.

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Agreed to an amendment offered by Representative Sessions by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question on the amendment and the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 185 yeas, Roll No. 174.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–27).

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 281, electing Representative Chocoma to the Committee on the Budget.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and 5 Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3345, H3346, H3402, H3402–03, H3403, H3404, and H3404–05. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing entitled “High School Reform: Examining State and Local Efforts.” Testimony was heard from the following Governors: W. Mitt Romney, Massachusetts; and Thomas Vilsack, Iowa.

### EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining Pay-for-Performance Measures and Other Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Care.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS SUBVERSION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Subversion of Drug Testing Programs.” Testimony was heard from Robert Cramer, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Robert Stephenson, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, the following individuals: Dennis Catalano, President, Puck Technology; Michael Fichera, Health Choice of New York, Inc.; and Matt Stephens, President, Spectrum Labs, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

### STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Rudy Monteil, Executive Director, Housing Authority, Los Angeles, California; Renee Glover, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority, Atlanta, Georgia; Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director, Housing Authority, County of San Bernardino, California; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL FOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 994, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis

and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 1283, To provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities; and H.R. 1765, Generating Opportunity by Forgiveing Educational Debt for Service Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Question: What Is More Scrambled Than an Egg? Answer: the Federal Food Inspection Program." Testimony was heard from Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Merle Pierson, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA; Jim Jones, Director, Pesticide Programs, EPA; and Richard V. Cano, Acting Director, Seafood Inspection Program, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

#### MIDDLE EAST—FOSTERING DEMOCRACY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Fostering Democracy in the Middle East: Defeating Terrorism with Ballots?" Testimony was heard from Mona Yacoubian, Special Adviser, Muslim World Initiative, United States Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT IN CHINA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in China. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant, U.S. Trade for Intellectual Property; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT IN RUSSIA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property also held an oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in Russia. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant, U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property; and public witnesses.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006

for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees of Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cox, Representatives Shays, Souder, Ehlers, Manzullo, Kennedy of Minnesota, Wamp, Thompson of Mississippi, Loretta Sanchez of California, Markey, Lowey, Norton, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Meek of Florida, Oberstar, Costello, Slaughter, Engel, Waters, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Maloney, Menendez, Stupak, Cummings, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Ford, Inslee, McCarthy of New York, Reyes, Israel, Lynch, Ruppersberger, Barrow, and Higgins.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 50, amended, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; H.R. 2364, amended, to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in Administration marine research, atmospheric research and satellite programs; H.R. 426, amended, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2005; and H.R. 1022, George E. Brown, Jr. Near-Earth Object Survey Act.

## SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Joanne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## WTO's FUTURE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Regulation NMS designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Subcommittee on Science and Space,* to hold hearings to examine human spaceflight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine eco-terrorism specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine FEMA's response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006; the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to mark up H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Increasing Generic Drug Utilization: Saving Money for Patients," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Enhancing Data Security: The Regulators' Perspective," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 44, Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; H. Con. Res. 89, Honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang; H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 191, Urging the Government of Romania to recognize its responsibilities to provide equitable, prompt, and fair restitution to all religious communities for property confiscated by the former Communist government in Romania; H. Res. 272, Recognizing the historic steps India and Pakistan have taken toward achieving bilateral peace; H.R. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian forces from Lebanon, support for free and fair democratic elections in Lebanon, and the development of democratic institutions and safeguards to foster sovereign democratic rule in Lebanon; a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and a resolution Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, on the occasion of his visit to the United States in May 2005, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan; followed by a hearing on Kosovo: Current and Future Status, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on UN Peacekeeping Reform: Seeking Greater Accountability and Integrity, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian